**Procurement of Agricultural Production**

*566. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets of procurement of agricultural produce fixed by Government during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whehter these targets were fulfilled;

(c) what were the targets of agricultural produce fixed for Haryana during the above mentioned period and whether these targets have been fulfilled;

(d) whether Government propose to provide royalty to Haryana on the procurement of agricultural produce; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) Central Government undertakes the procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for the Central Pool under the price support scheme. The procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for the Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy rice from millers/traders being dependent on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets as such can be fixed for procurement of wheat, rice and coarsegrains.

Government has no scheme under which royalty on procurement of foodgrains from farmers may be given to State Governments.

**Procurement of Rice**

*567. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the total procurement of rice by the Central Agencies during the current kharif season upto March, 1994 for the Central Pool in comparison to last year, separately, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

*Quantities of Rice (including Paddy in Terms of Rice) Procured for Central Pool upto* 31-3-1994 *in* 1993-94 *Kharif Marketing Season and the Quantities Procured upto that date during the* 1992-93 *Kharif Marketing Season.*

(In Lakh tonnes)

| State | Procurement | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1993-94 (upto 31-3-94) | 1992-93 (upto 31-3-93) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 27.41 | 22.07 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | .. | Neg. |
| Assam | 0.04 | 0.08 |
| Bihar | 0.03 | .. |
| Haryana | 12.36 | 9.02 |

Neg. : Below 500 tonnes.